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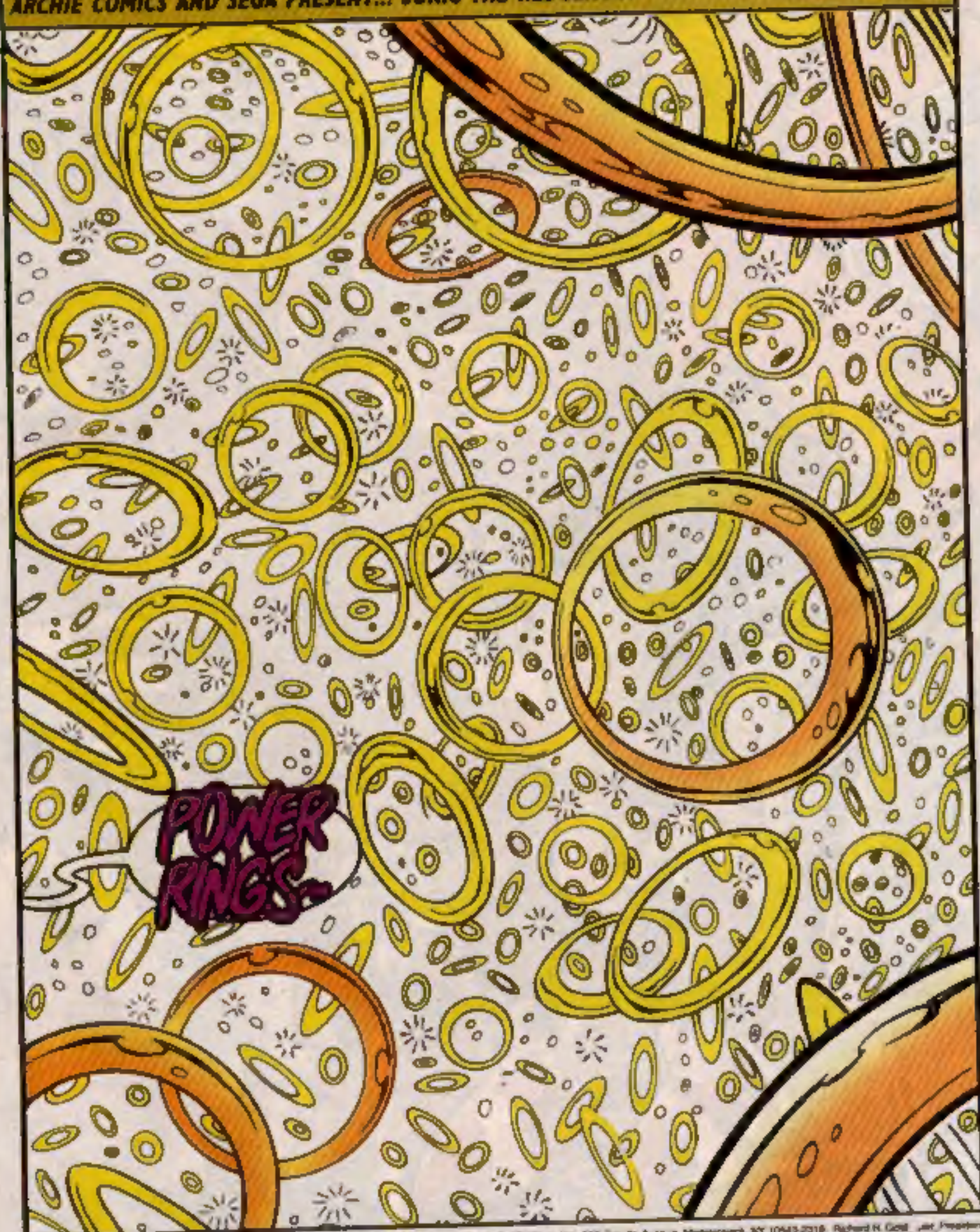


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RINGS**

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--YOU'VE GOT A WHOLE MESS O' POWER RINGS IN HERE, NATE!

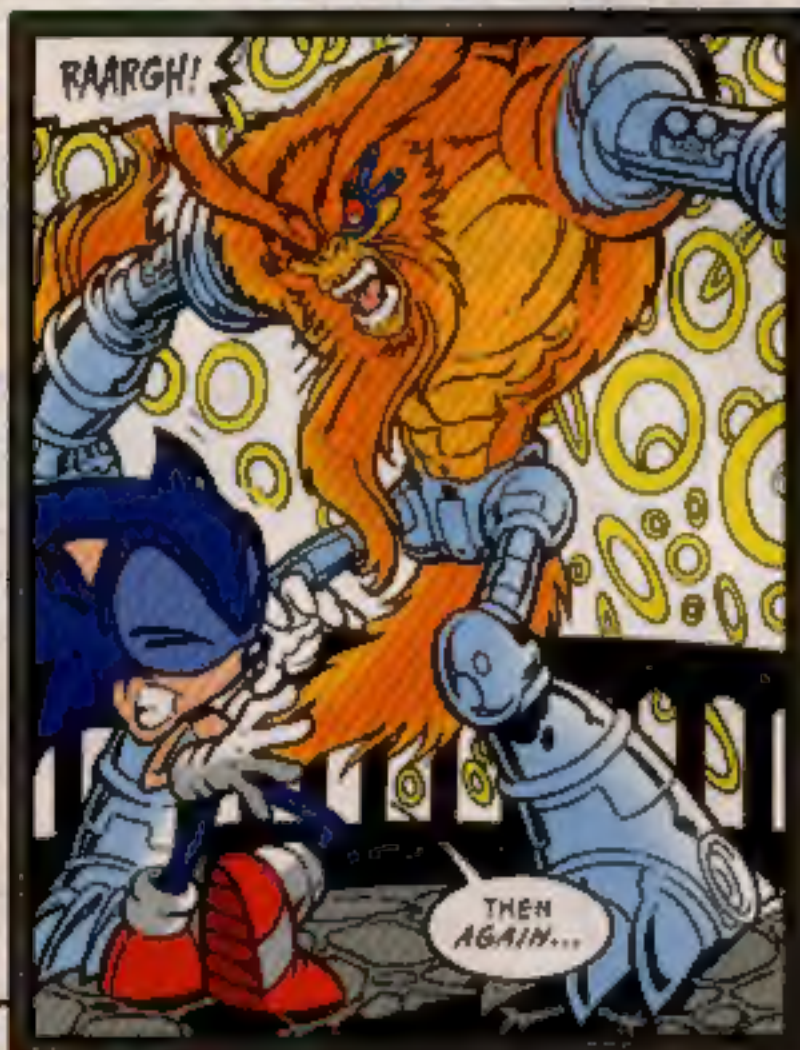
YES, I DO, SONIC.

YES I DO.



I FORGED THEM MYSELF
...EACH A NEAR-LIMITLESS
POWER SOURCE.

WAY PAST
COOL...



RAARGH!

THEN
AGAIN...



YO! WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?
ME AND TAILS'RE THE GOOD
GUYS, REMEMBER?

I BELIEVE, SONIC,
THAT EDDY WAS ONLY TRYING
TO INFORM YOU...



... THAT I WON'T HAVE THE RINGS'
POWER EXPLOITED BY OUTSIDERS LIKE THE
SORCEROUS IXIS NAUGUS WHO ATTACKED
THIS FORTRESS-- MY HOME -- EARLIER!

EXPLOITED?!

OUTSIDERS?!

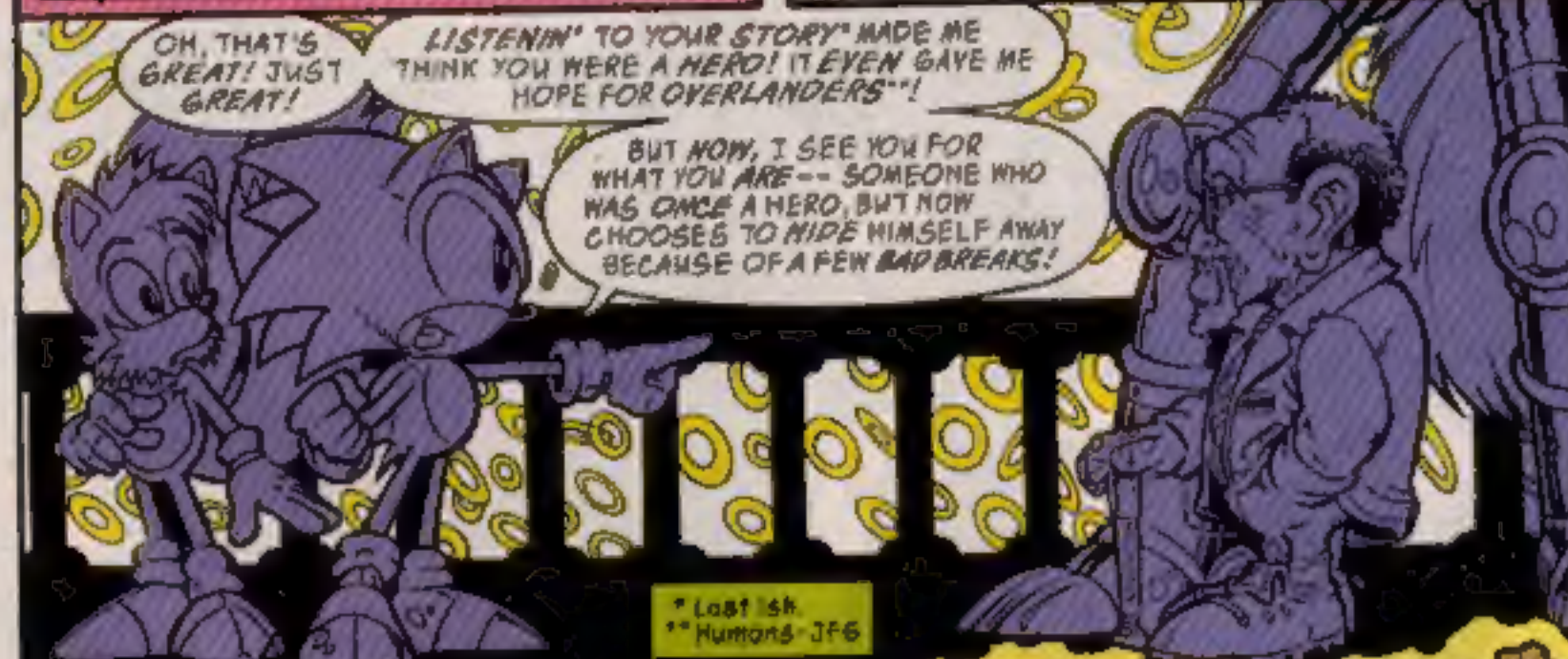
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ALL WE'RE SAYING IS...
POWER RINGS ARE SO RARE
...JUST THINK OF ALL THE
GOOD YOU COULD DO WITH
THESE!



YOU COULD
EVEN MOVE BACK
TO MOBO-
TROPOLIS AND
HELP US..





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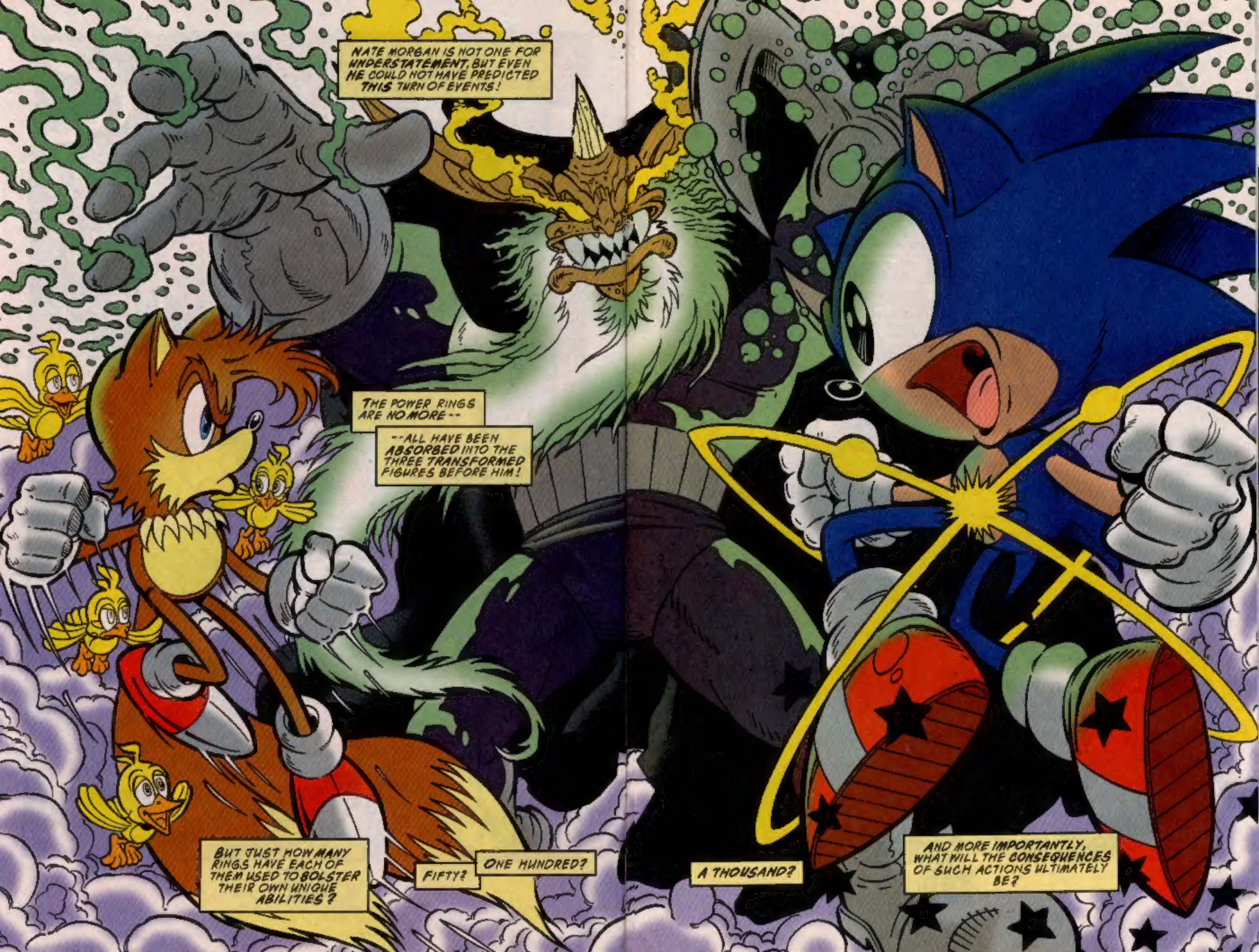
"HOLD ON! I SEE
SOME MOVEMENT..."

"UH-OH! WE'D BETTER
MOVE OUT OF THE WAY,
EDDY..."

RUMMMBBBLL

RRRR

...IT LOOKS LIKE
THERE'S GOING TO BE
SOME TROUBLE!



NATE MORGAN IS NOT ONE FOR UNDERSTATEMENT, BUT EVEN HE COULD NOT HAVE PREDICTED THIS TURN OF EVENTS!

THE POWER RINGS ARE NO MORE--

--ALL HAVE BEEN ABSORBED INTO THE THREE TRANSFORMED FIGURES BEFORE HIM!

BUT JUST HOW MANY RINGS HAVE EACH OF THEM USED TO BOLSTER THEIR OWN UNIQUE ABILITIES?

FIFTY?

ONE HUNDRED?

A THOUSAND?

AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT WILL THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH ACTIONS ULTIMATELY BE?



THE AGED GEO-PHYSICIAN DOES NOT HAVE LONG TO WAIT BEFORE HE RECEIVES HIS ANSWER.



THE SINISTER FIEND, IXIS HAUGUS, IMMEDIATELY BEGINS INSCRIBING ARCAINE SYMBOLS INTO THE VERY AIR AROUND HIS BEING--

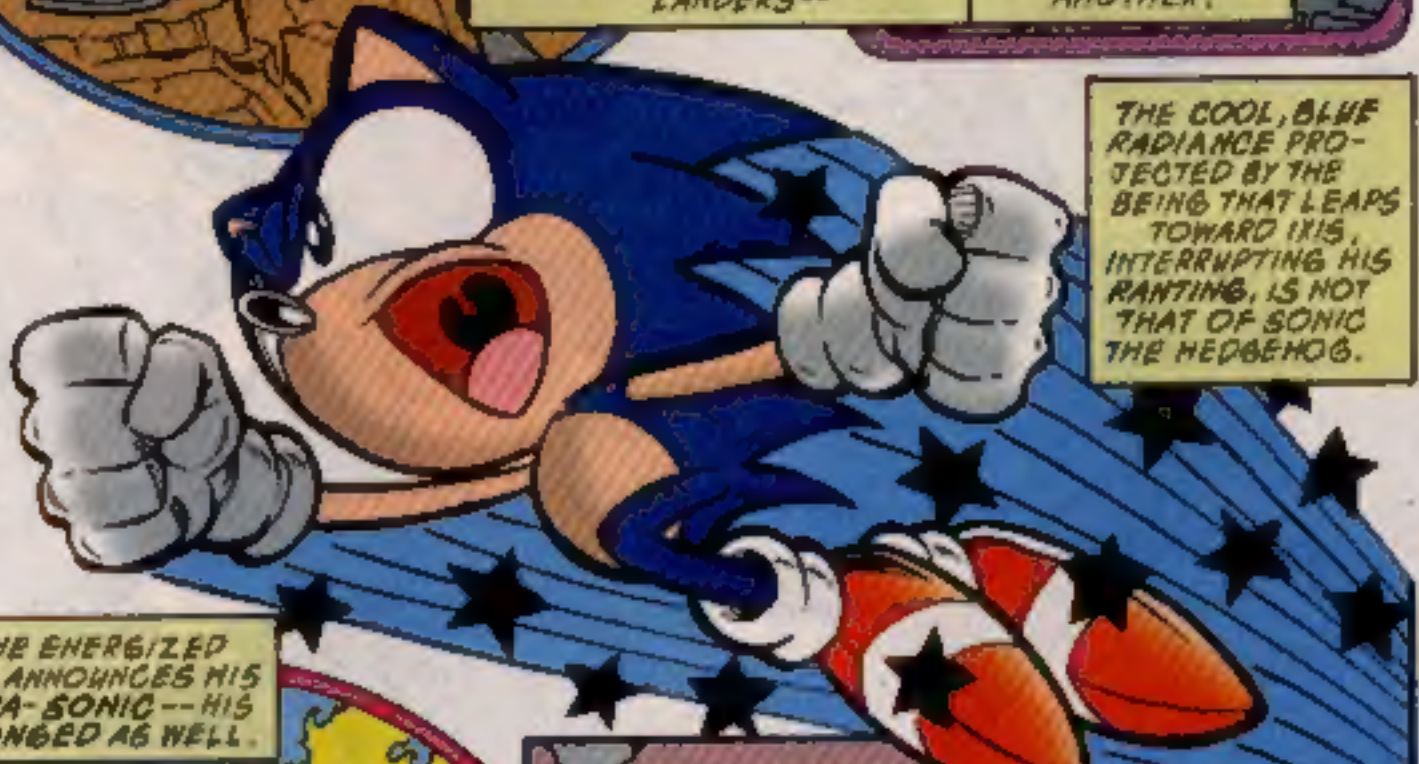


--WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, REVEALING HIS INTENT! WITH HIS NEW-FOUND POWER, HE NOW TOILS TO OPEN THE DOORWAY TO AN ALTERNATE REALITY CALLED--

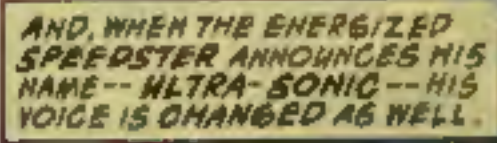
--THE ZONE OF SILENCE!

HE HAD ACCIDENTALLY DONE SO YEARS AGO, BACK WHEN HE WAS STILL MOBOTROPOLIS' ROYAL WIZARD, BORED WITH THE GREAT WAR BETWEEN THE NOBIANS AND THE OVERLANDERS--

--IXIS LEFT THIS PLANE OF REALITY TO EXPLORE ANOTHER.



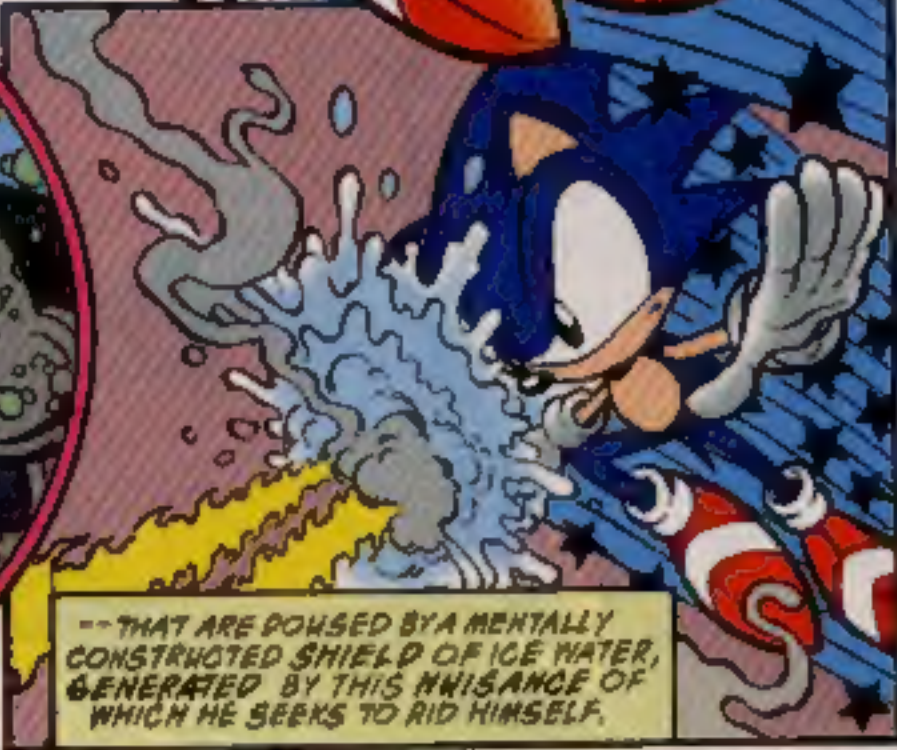
THE COOL, BLUE RADIANCE PROJECTED BY THE BEING THAT LEAPS TOWARD IXIS, INTERRUPTING HIS RANTING, IS NOT THAT OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.



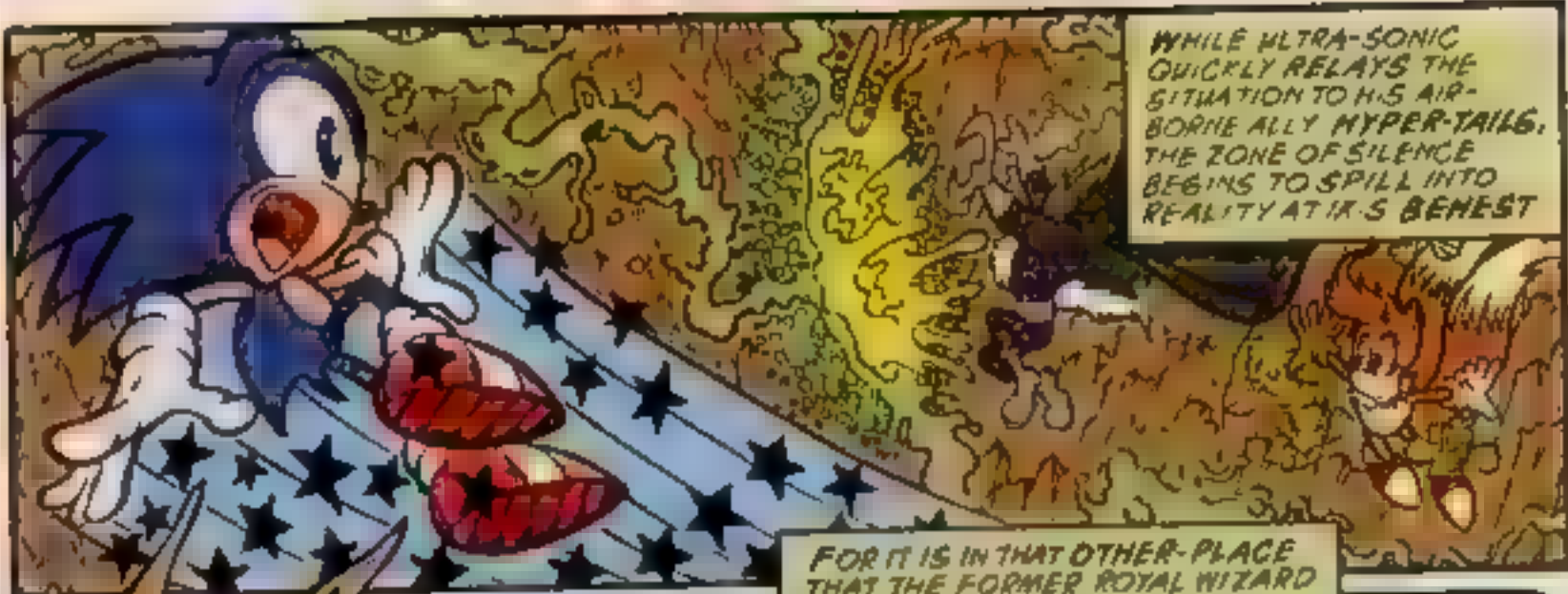
AND, WHEN THE ENERGIZED SPEEDSTER ANNOUNCES HIS NAME-- ULTRA-SONIC-- HIS VOICE IS CHANGED AS WELL.



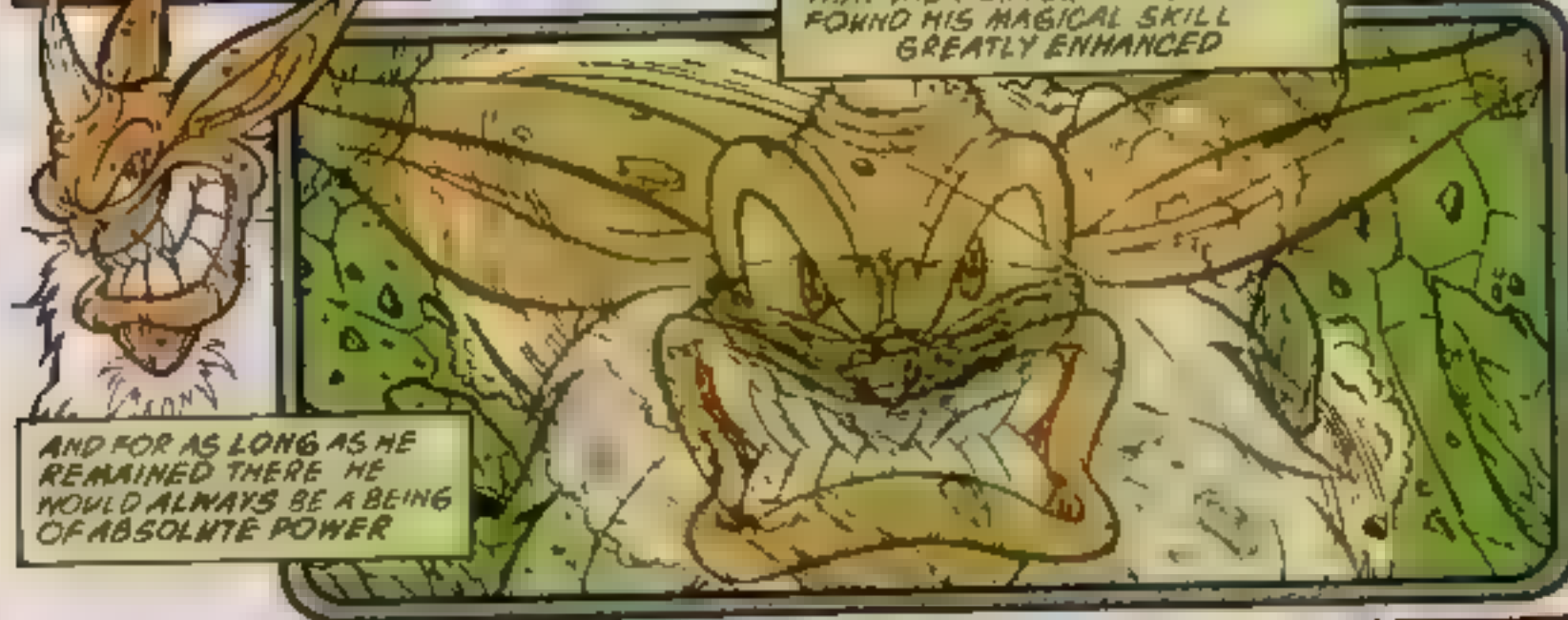
IXIS REPLIES WITH TWIN JETS OF OPTICAL FLAME--



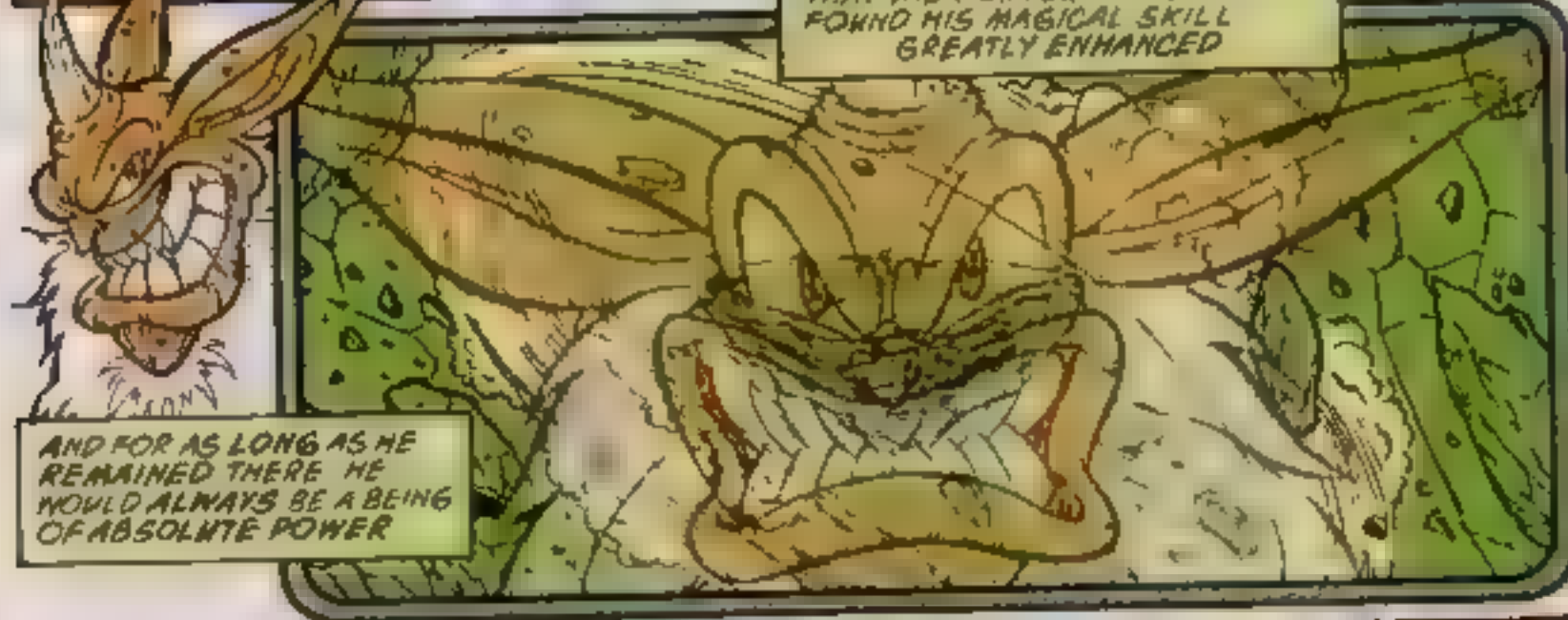
--THAT ARE DOUSED BY A MENTALLY CONSTRUCTED SHIELD OF ICE WATER, GENERATED BY THIS NUISANCE OF WHICH HE SEEKS TO RID HIMSELF.



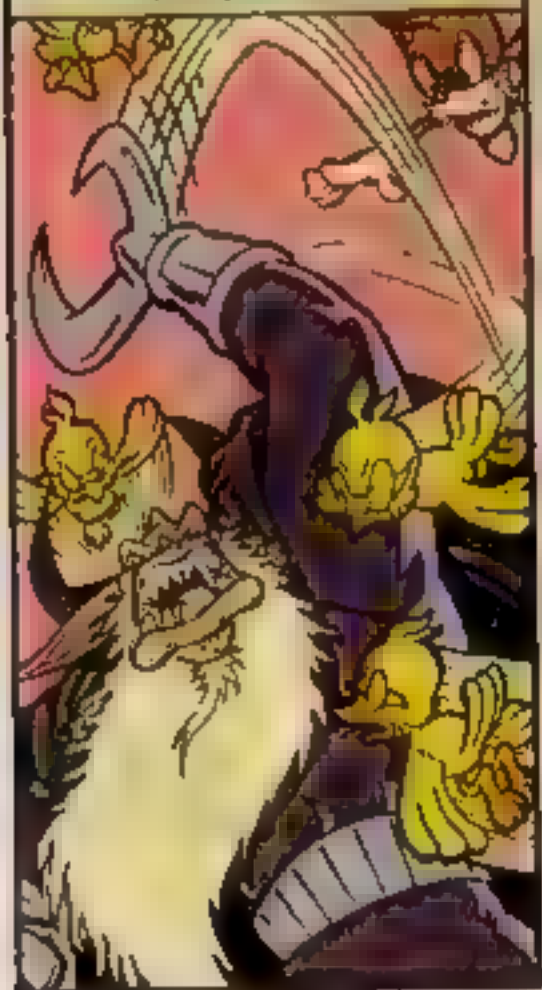
WHILE ULTRA-SONIC QUICKLY RELAYS THE SITUATION TO HIS AIR-BORNE ALLY HYPER-TAILS, THE ZONE OF SILENCE BEGINS TO SPILL INTO REALITY AT IX'S BEHEST



FOR IT IS IN THAT OTHER-PLACE THAT THE FORMER ROYAL WIZARD FOUND HIS MAGICAL SKILL GREATLY ENHANCED



AND FOR AS LONG AS HE REMAINED THERE HE WOULD ALWAYS BE A BEING OF ABSOLUTE POWER



HYPER-TAILS THEN SETS HIS SQUADRON OF FEATHERED FAMILIARS UPON THE VILLAIN TO MAKE SURE HIS STORY WON'T REPEAT ITSELF.



BUT WITH A WAVE OF A MORE-THAN-CAPABLE CLAW, HYPER-TAILS' CHIRPING CHARGES ARE SUDDENLY FROZEN IN FLIGHT.



NATE - FRIEND! NATE-- STAY!

NO, EDDY I CAN'T LET THIS GO ON

THE COMBATANTS' FURY ESCALATES WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT.

BOILING LIQUID SPLASHES AGAINST A WALL OF CONSTRUCTED GRANITE --

--AND IXIS TELLS OF HOW HE MET AND GAINED THE ALLEGIANCE OF THE MOBIAN CALLED FEIST--

--WHO WAS BANISHED TO THE ZONE OF SILENCE A SHORT TIME AFTER IXIS HAD ARRIVED THERE

HOW DARE YOU WRECK MY HOME, NAUGH57?

AFTER A MONSTROUSLY PIERCING CACKLE AND A MYSTIC GESTURE LATER NATE S SWEEPED OFF HIS FEET--

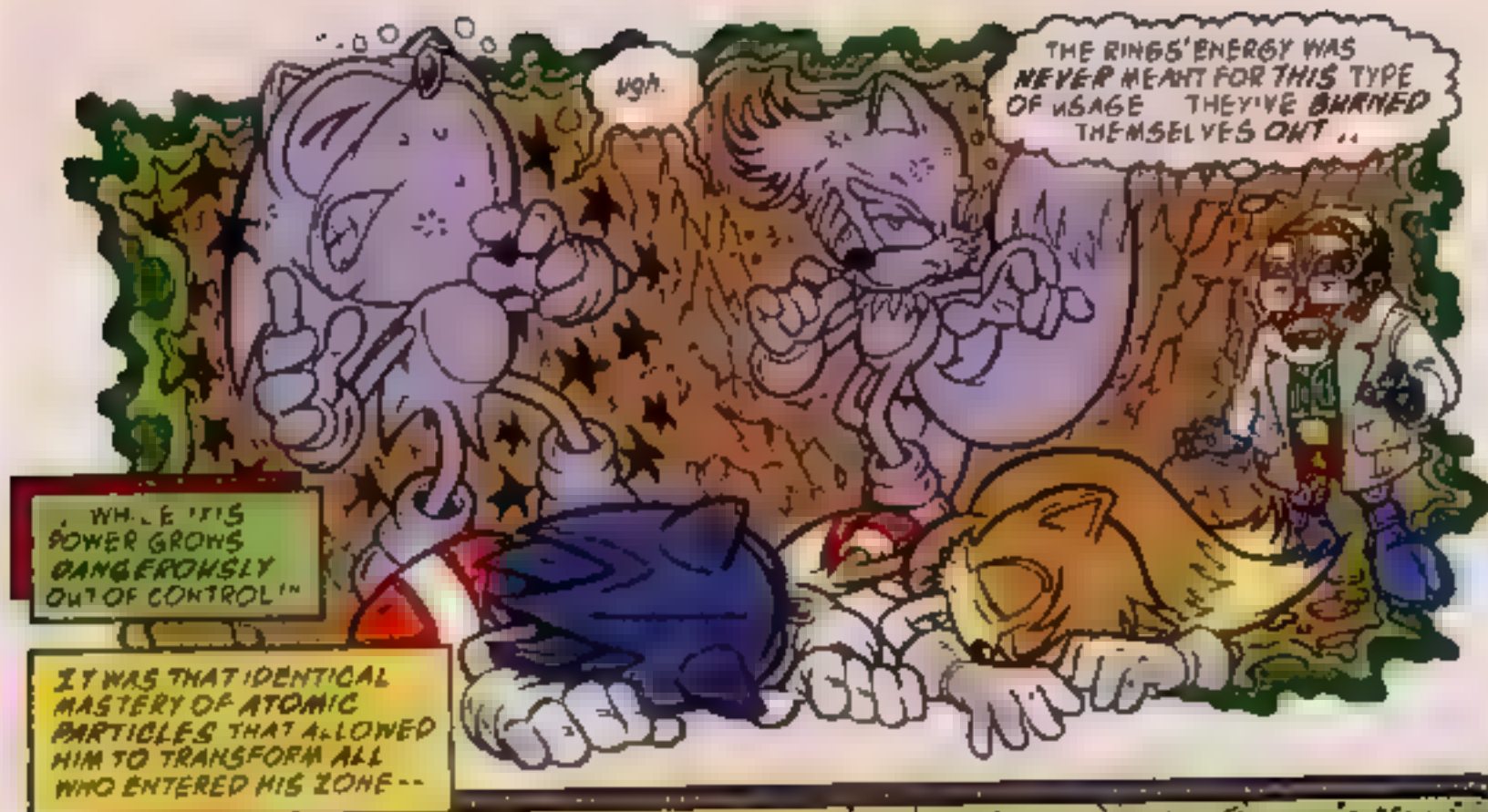
--AND INTO THE ARMS OF A VALIANT VULPINE!

THEN

WHAT HAPPENED, TAILS?

I CAN'T REMEMBER, SONIC FEELS SO WEAK..

INCREDIBLE! THEY BOTH SEEM TO HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF THEIR TRANSFORMATION!



UGH.

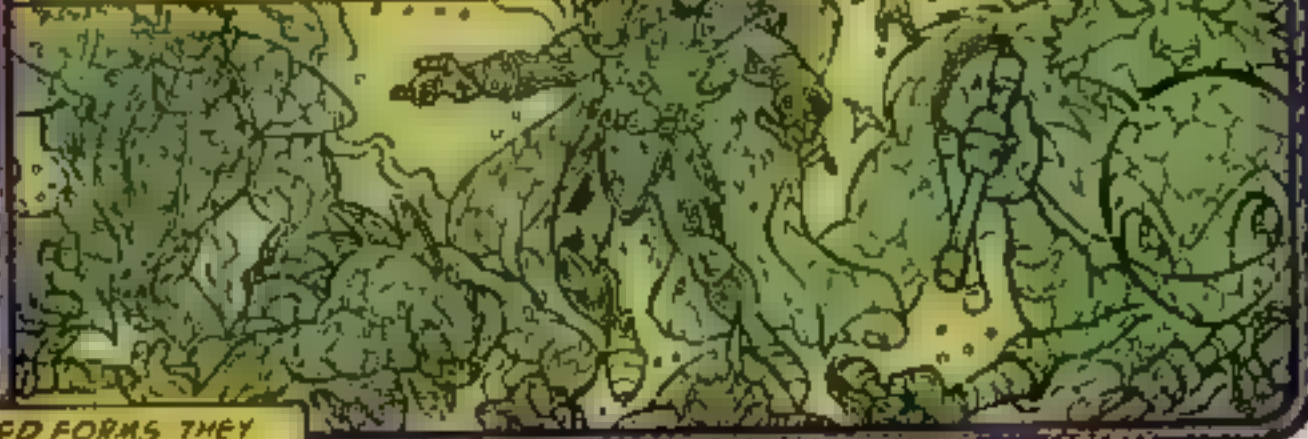
THE RINGS' ENERGY WAS NEVER MEANT FOR THIS TYPE OF USAGE. THEY'VE BURNED THEMSELVES OUT..

WHILE IX'IS POWER GROWS DANGEROUSLY OUT OF CONTROL..

IT WAS THAT IDENTICAL MASTERY OF ATOMIC PARTICLES THAT ALLOWED HIM TO TRANSFORM ALL WHO ENTERED HIS ZONE--

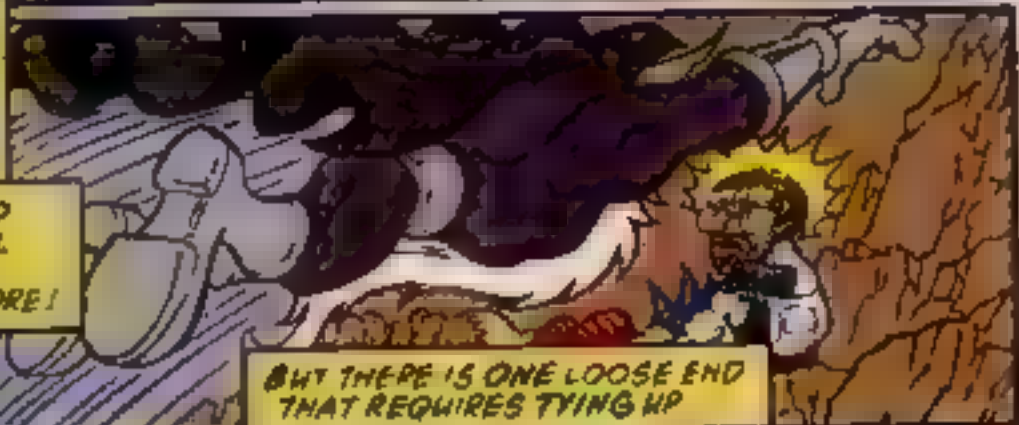


-- THE WARLORD KODOS, KING MAXIMILLIAN ACORN, ARACHNIS AND MANY OTHERS --



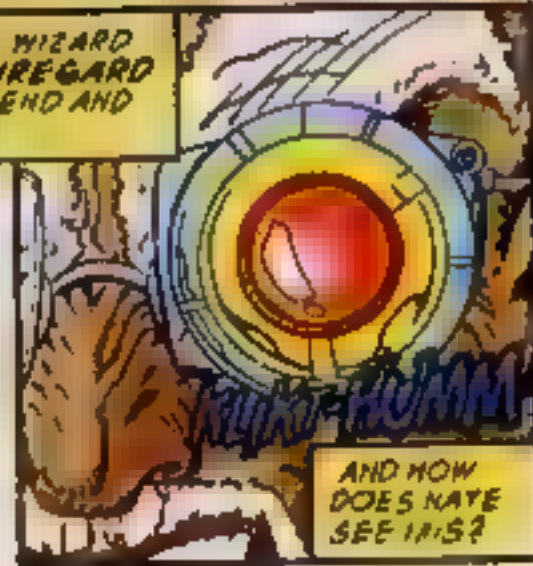
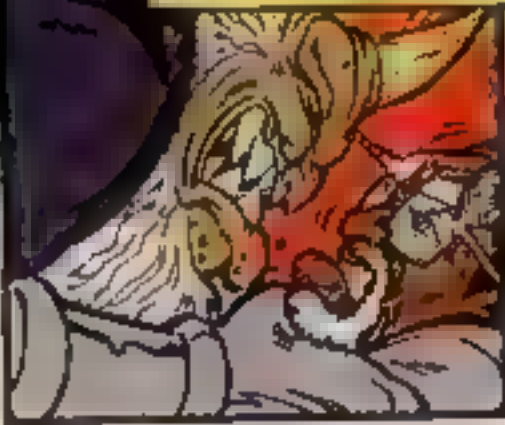
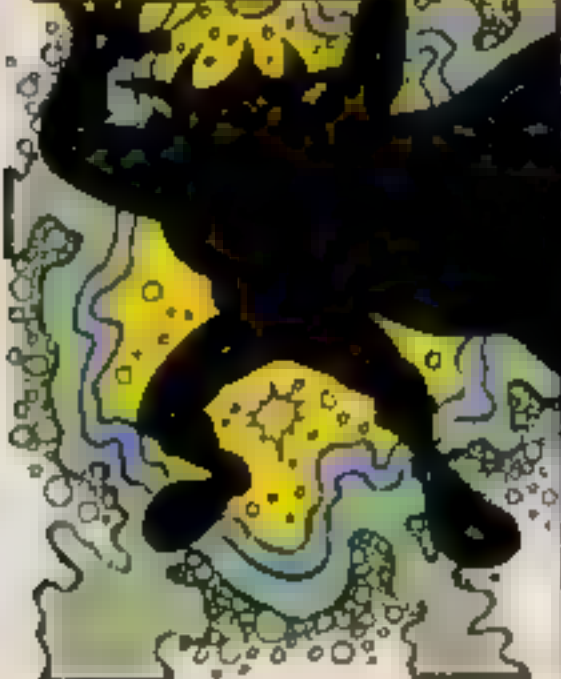
-- INTO CRYSTALLIZED FORMS THEY WERE GIVEN THE ABILITY TO CONTROL THEIR CRYSTALLIZATION THAT ENABLED THEM ALL TO SURVIVE THE RAVAGES OF THAT LOST LOCALE AS LONG AS THEY REMAINED LOYAL TO IX'IS. THEY BECAME HIS LEGION.

SOON, THOUGH, NAUGUS WILL NEED NO ONE. THE ZONE OF SILENCE WILL HAVE REPLACED THIS REALITY AND IX'IS WILL REIGN SUPREME ONCE MORE!



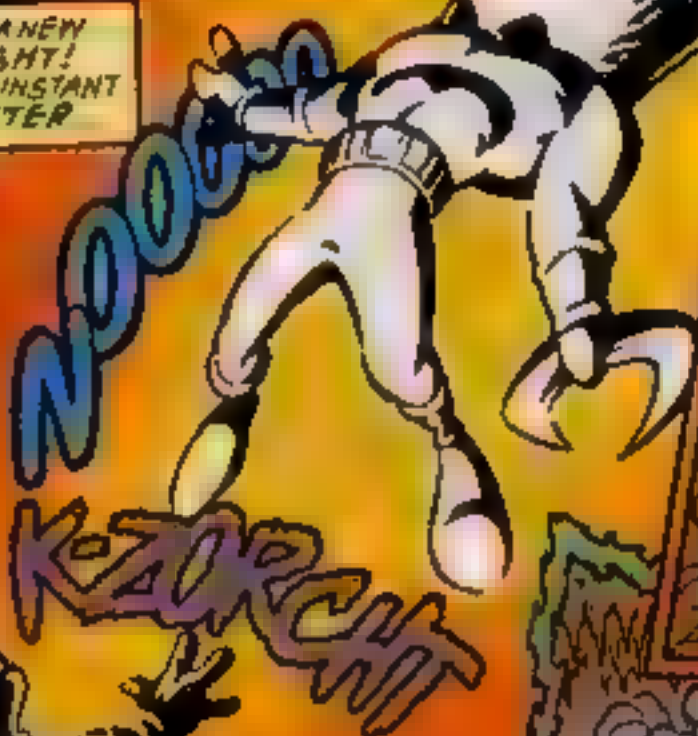
BUT THERE IS ONE LOOSE END THAT REQUIRES TYING UP

.. THAT IS HOW THE EVIL WIZARD SEES NATHANIEL BEAMREGARD MORGAN-- AS A LOOSE END AND NO MORE



AND HOW DOES NATE SEE IX'IS?

IN A NEW
LIGHT!
AN INSTANT
LATER



... AND THE
BATTLE IS
OVER

WITH BUT A WISH,
TRUE OF HEART,
FROM THE POWERFUL
HIDDEN RING IN
HIS EYE-PIECE...
IXIS IS GONE AND
THE ZONE OF
SILENCE HAS BEEN
REVEALED.

AND THE
HEROES...?

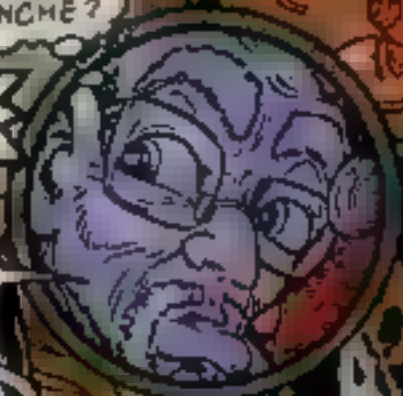
UHH...

RUMMMBBE!!!

WHOOPS!
ANOTHER
AVALANCHE?

ROWRR!

EDDY?



OH
NO!

EDDY! WE'VE GOT TO
GET OUT OF HERE--

--BEFORE
THE ROOF
CAVES IN!

I'M ON
IT...





...WITH
MY TRIPLE-S
SPIN!

I FEEL LIKE I'VE RUN
ALL THE WAY TO MOBOTROPOLIS
AND BACK. I FEEL SO TIRED!

THEN IT'S UP
TO ME, SON C!

NATE
WAIT!

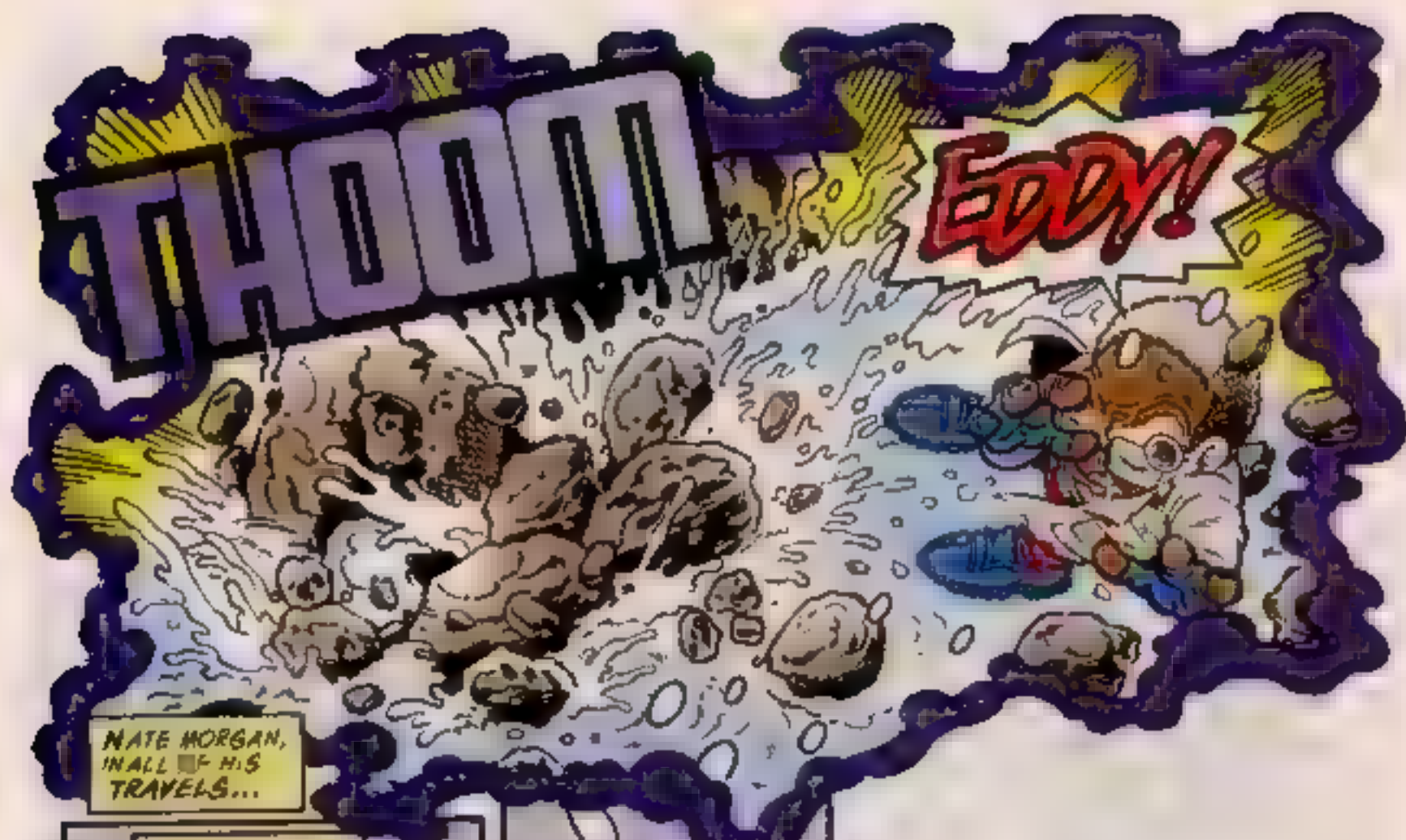
I CAN'T!
HOLD ON,
EDDY.

HOLD

ON

NATE--
FRIEND!

NATE--
GO!



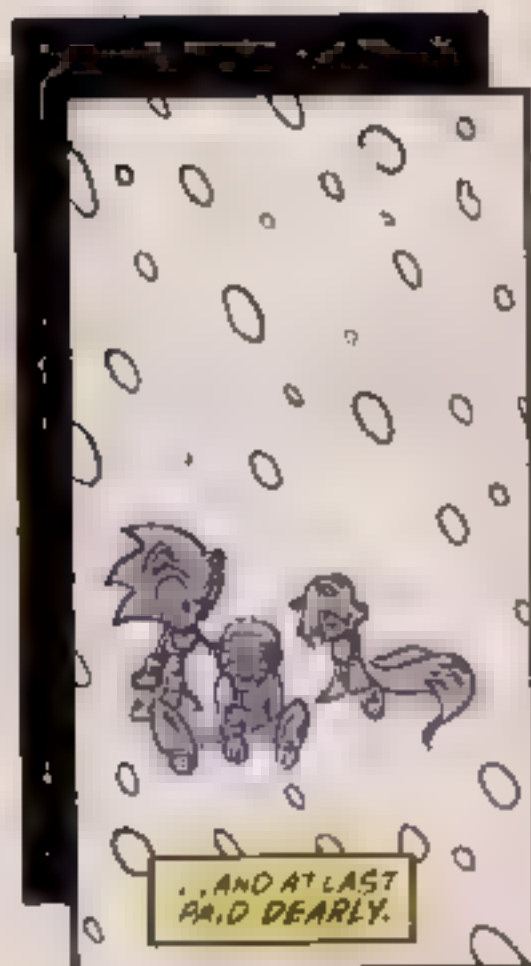
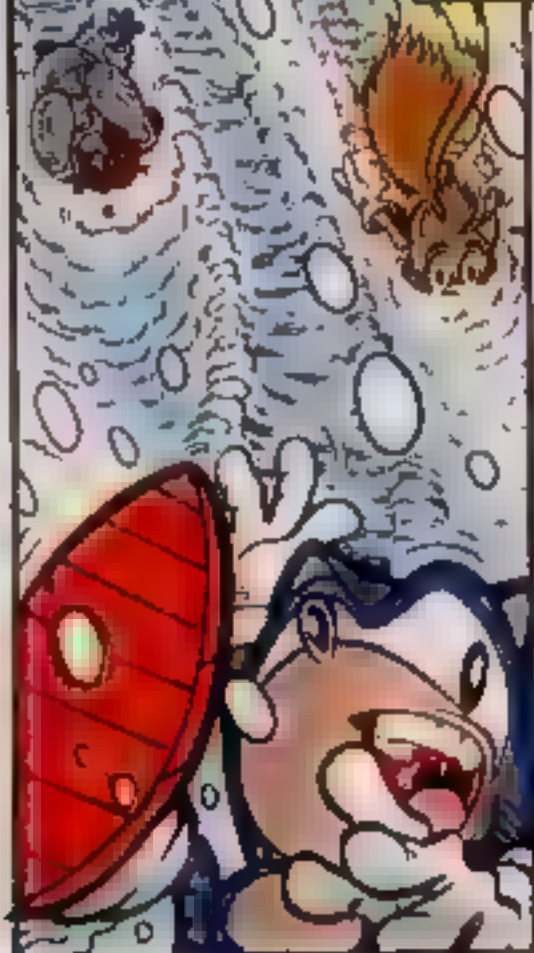
NATE MORGAN,
IN ALL OF HIS
TRAVELS...

.. WHETHER HE
WAS AMONG
OVERLANDERS
OR NOBIANS

.. HAD NEVER
EVER KNOWN
WHAT VICTORY
MEANT ..

.. AND SO WAS NOT
AWARE THAT IT
SOMETIMES HAS
ITS PRICE

TODAY, NATE
HAS FINALLY
WON A BATTLE.



.. AND AT LAST
PAID DEARLY.

end

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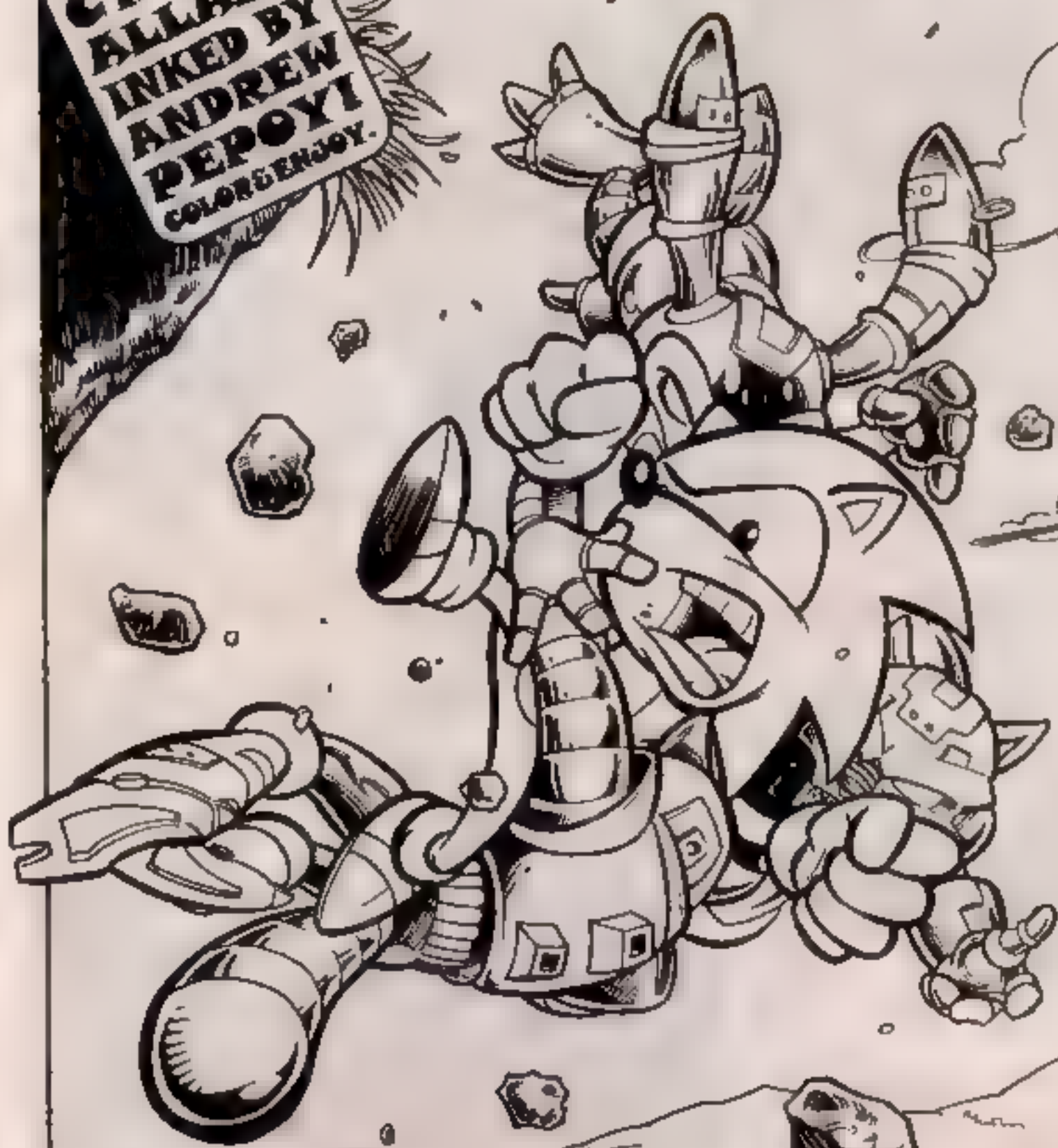
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AND THEN THERE WAS ONE

(or the until now untold origin of Ixis Naugus!)

NO ONE RECALLS WHAT HAPPENED ON PLANET MOBILUS BEFORE THE FINAL DAYS OF FURY OVER HUNDRED YEARS PAST.

ALL THAT IS KNOWN IS THAT ON THAT DAY, A SIGNIFICANT CATASTROPHISM SHOOK THE CONTINENTS TO THEIR VERY FOUNDATIONS--

-- AND WIPE OUT ALL HISTORICAL RECORDS THE WORLD OVER.

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STILL THERE ARE THOSE...

POOF

...WHO SEEK THE HIDDEN KNOWLEDGE CONTAINED WITHIN THE PAST

ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE MET WITH FAILURE, BROTHERS!

ABUNUS, SPEAKS THE TRUTH, NUSGAI! EVEN OUR COMBINED SPELLS CAN NOT ALLOW US THREE TO GLEAN WHAT CAUSED THE DAMAGE TO OUR WORLD CENTURIES BEFORE!

THAT MATTERS *NOT*,
SUGUNA! IF WE CANNOT
HARNESS THOSE SAME
ENERGIES THAT SHATTERED
THE GLOBE PREVIOUSLY,
THEN THE ANCIENT ORDER
OF IXIS SHALL DEVISE
OTHER MEANS WITH WHICH
TO ACHIEVE POWER!



I HAVE HEIGHTENED MY
MYSTICAL ABILITIES TO GIVE
ME NOT ONLY *COMMAND* OF
THE WIND, BUT OVER YOUR
NATIVE ELEMENTS AS WELL!

LIES! I AM THE ONE
SOLE MASTER OF
THE EARTH!



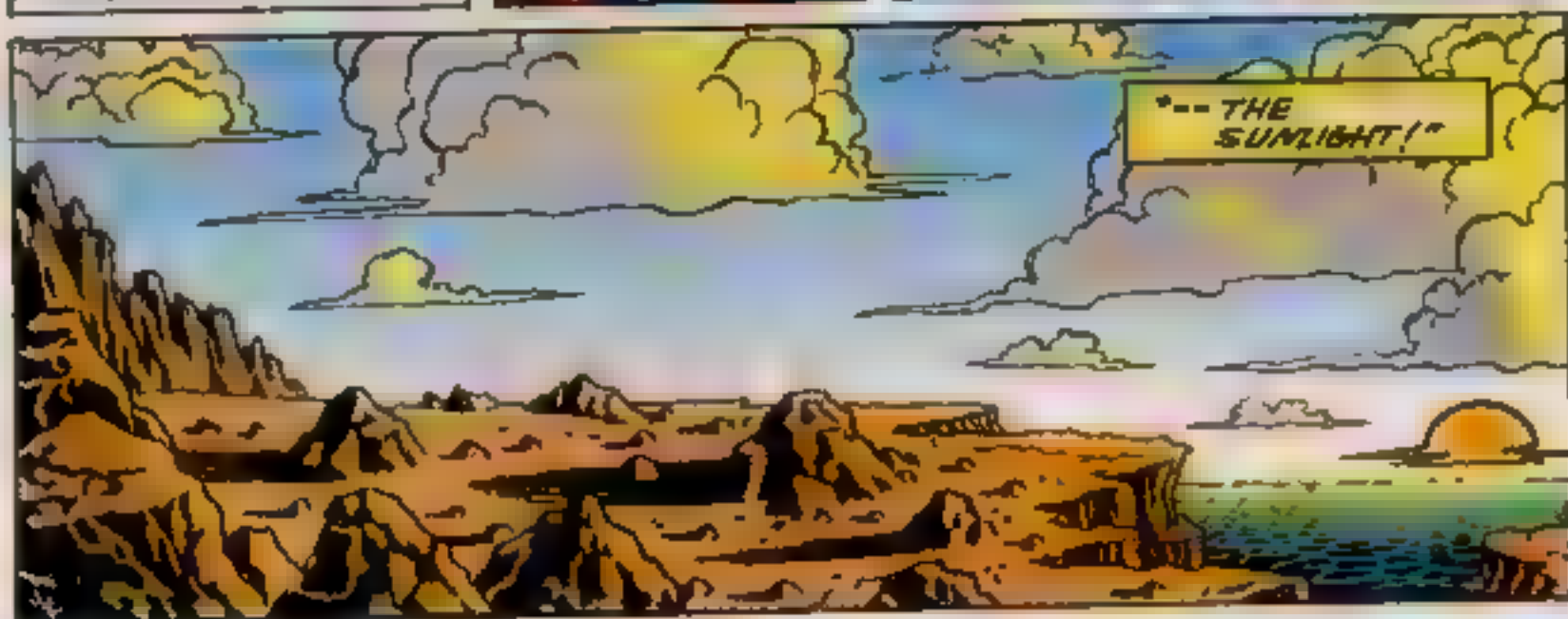
AND I OF
THE WATER!

PETTY, FOOLS! HAVE
WE NOT TRADED THE
SECRETS OF NATURE'S
ELEMENTS WITH EACH
OTHER TO *COMBINE*
OUR MIGHT? OR DID
YOU FORGET THAT
EACH OF US NOW
POSSESSES THE
SAME ABILITIES?

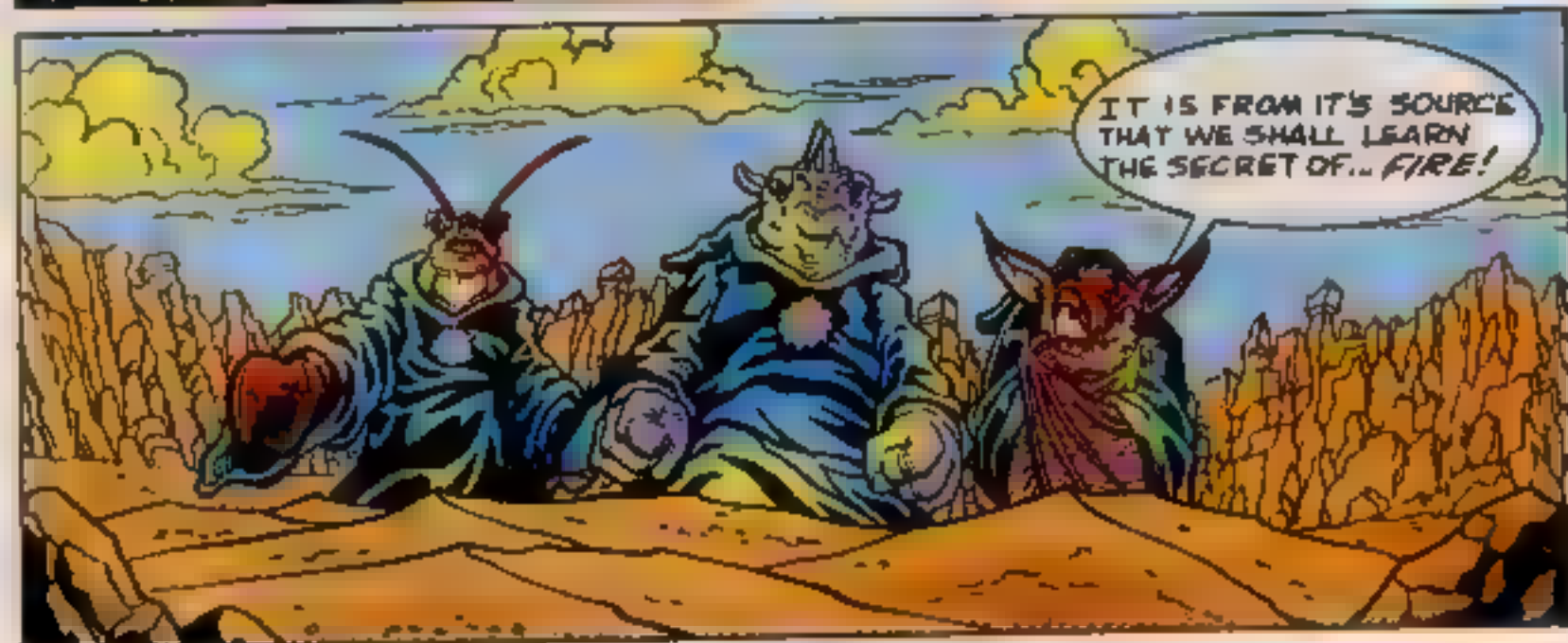


THERE IS ONLY
ONE LAST
ELEMENT TO
CONTROL AND
THEN WE SHALL
BE *UNSTOPPABLE!*

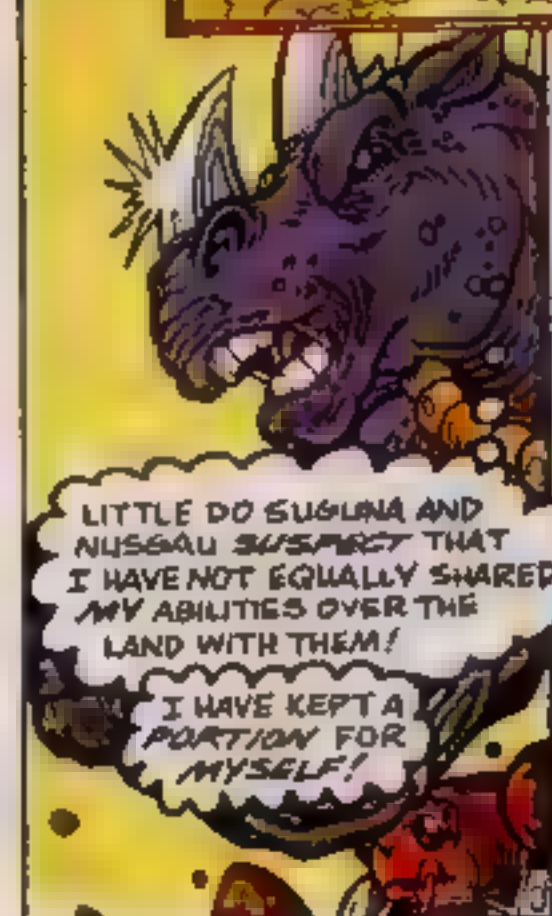
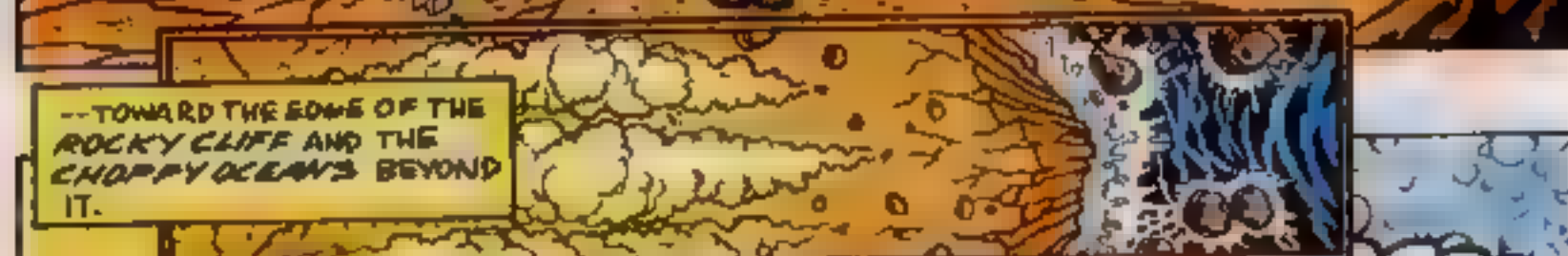
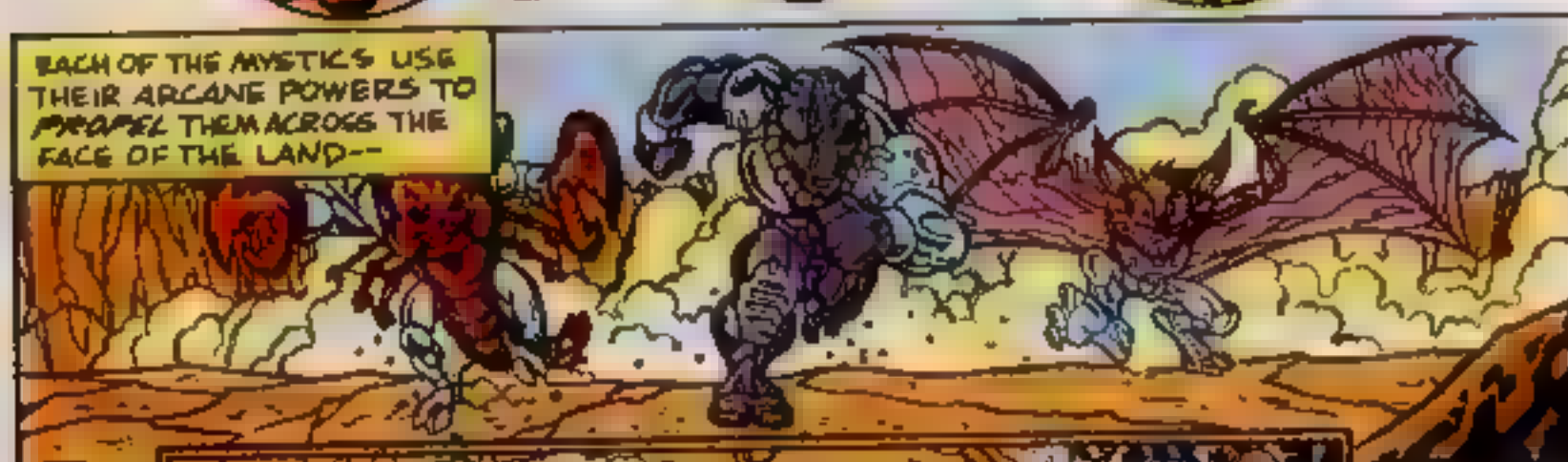
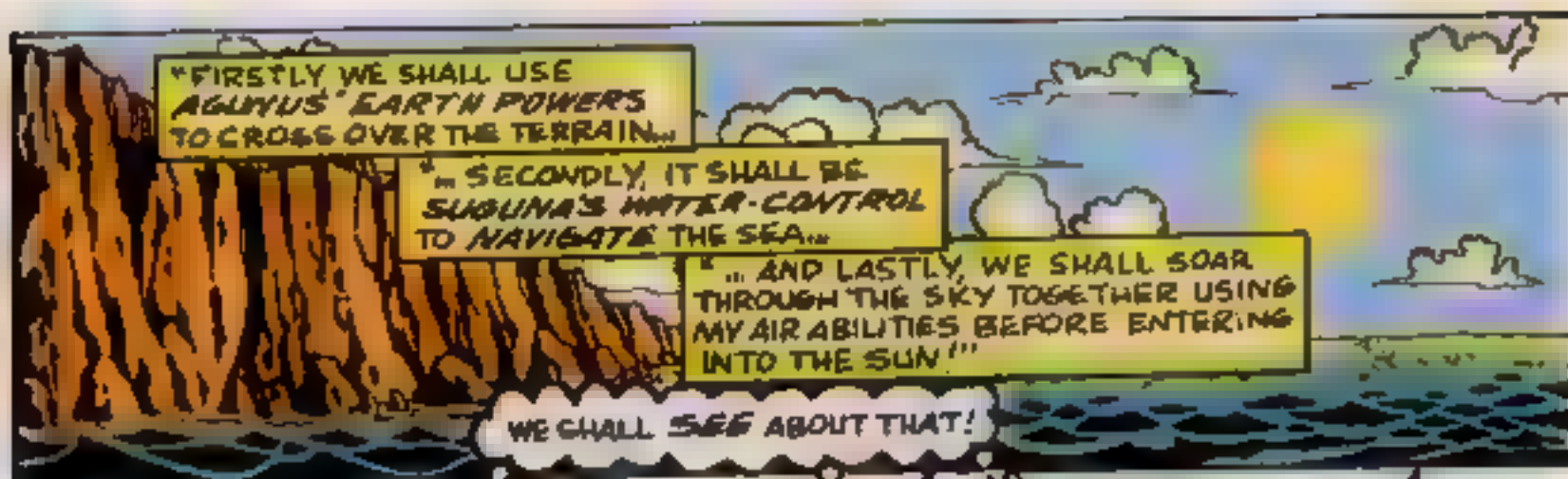
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WE MUST EMERGE
INTO--

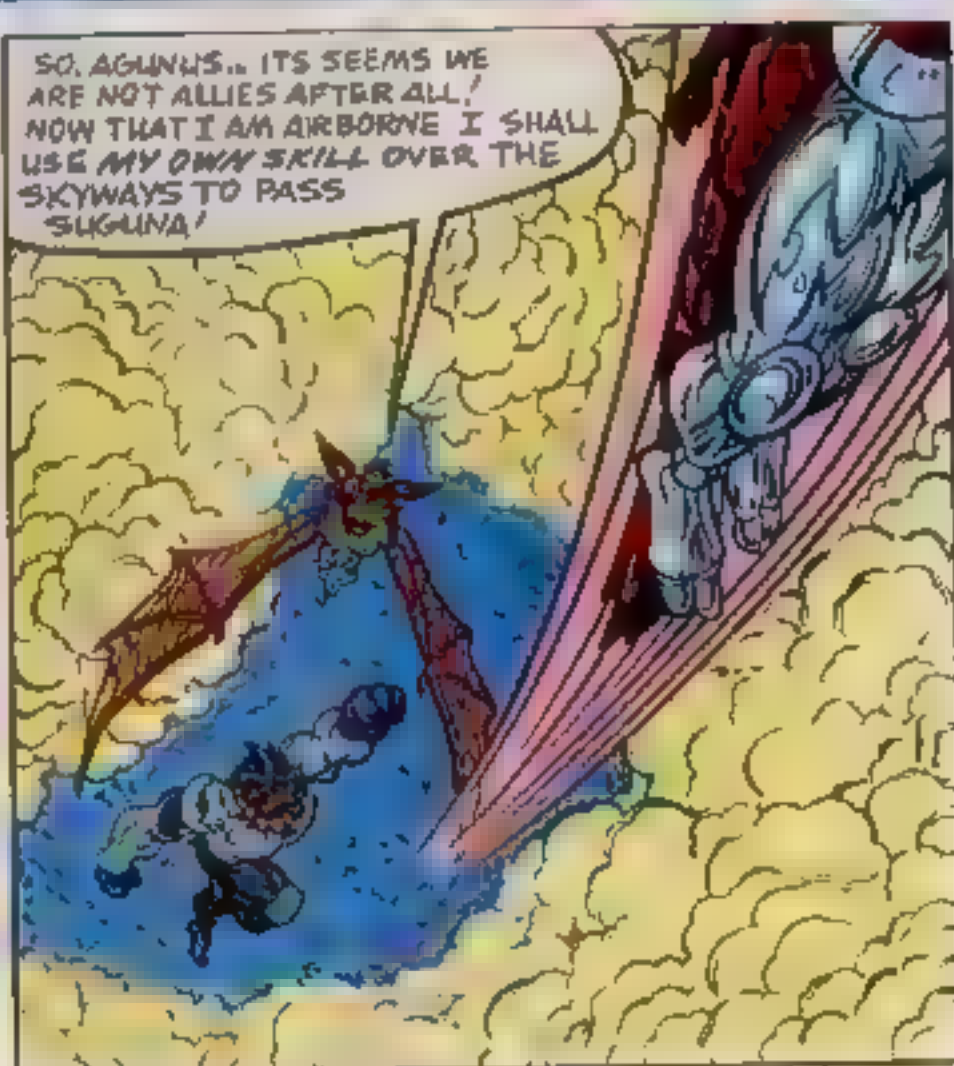
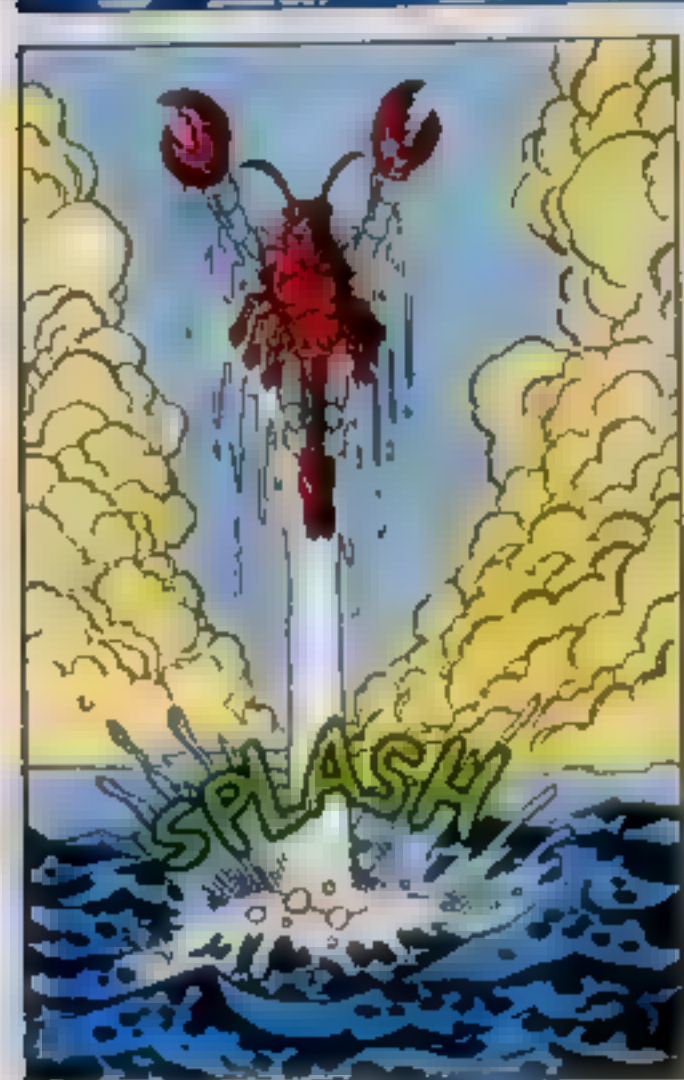
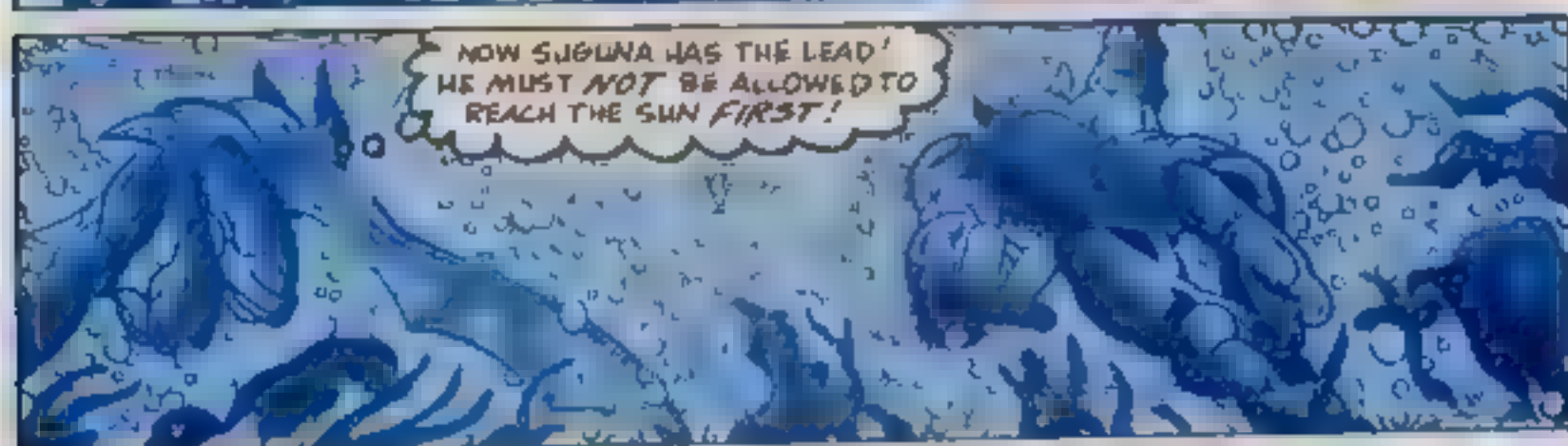
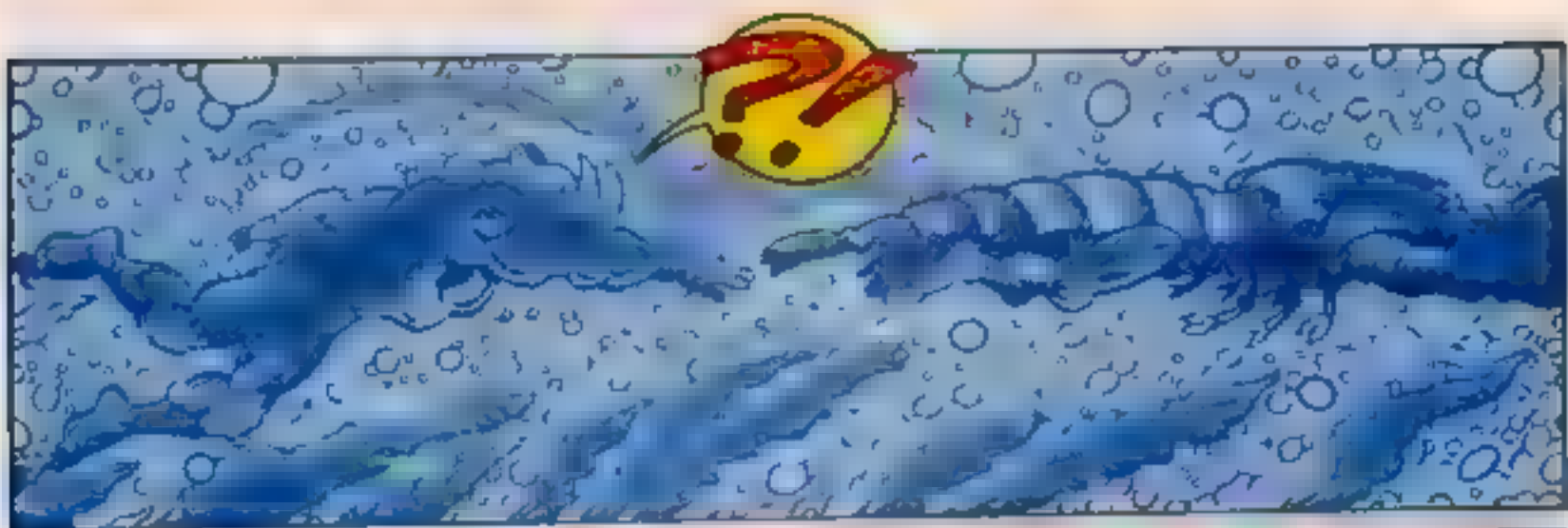


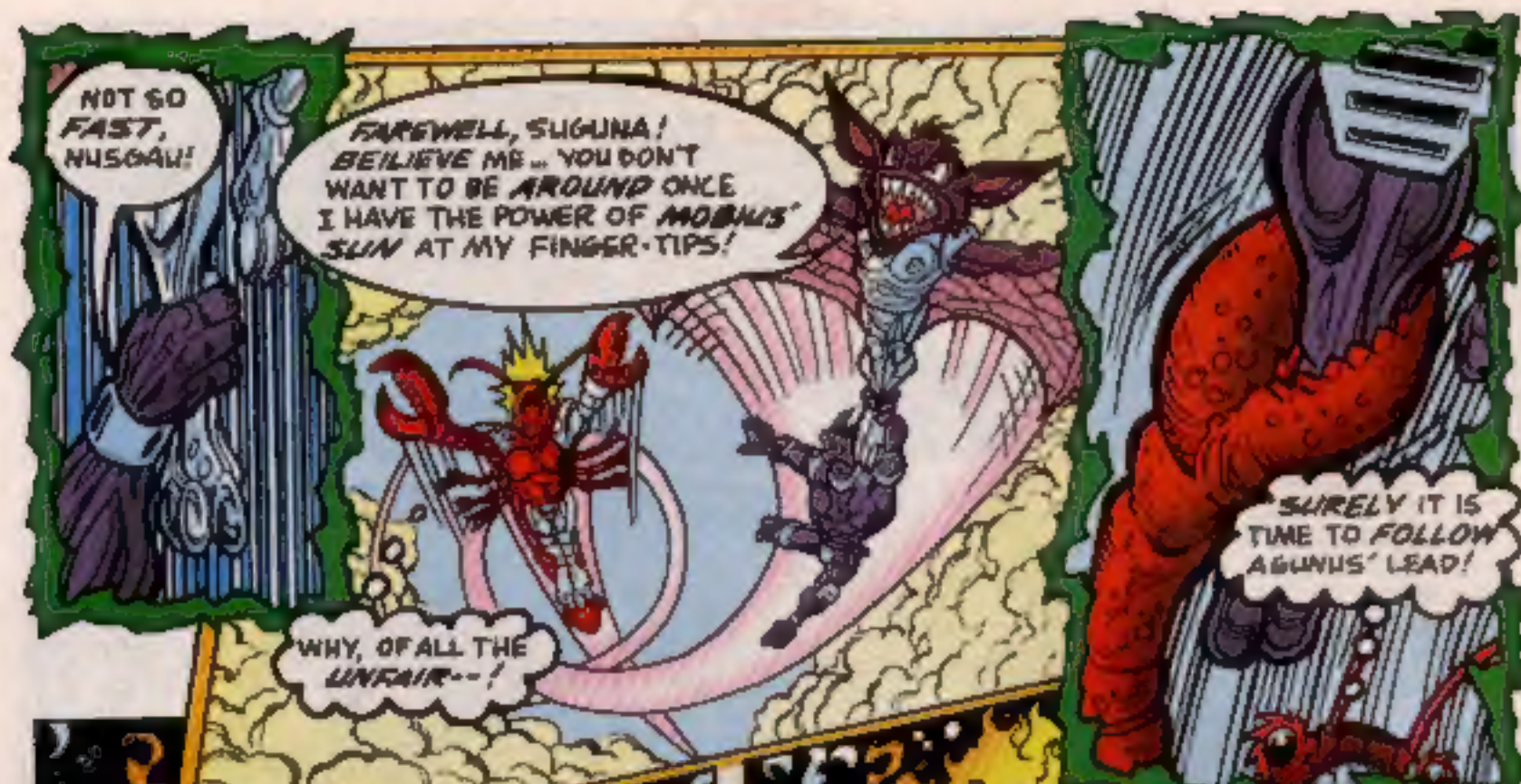
"-- THE
SUNLIGHT!"



IT IS FROM ITS SOURCE
THAT WE SHALL LEARN
THE SECRET OF... *FIRE!*







NOT SO
FAST,
HUSGAW!

FAREWELL, SUGUNA!
BELIEVE ME... YOU DON'T
WANT TO BE AROUND ONCE
I HAVE THE POWER OF MOBIUS'
SLIN AT MY FINGER-TIPS!

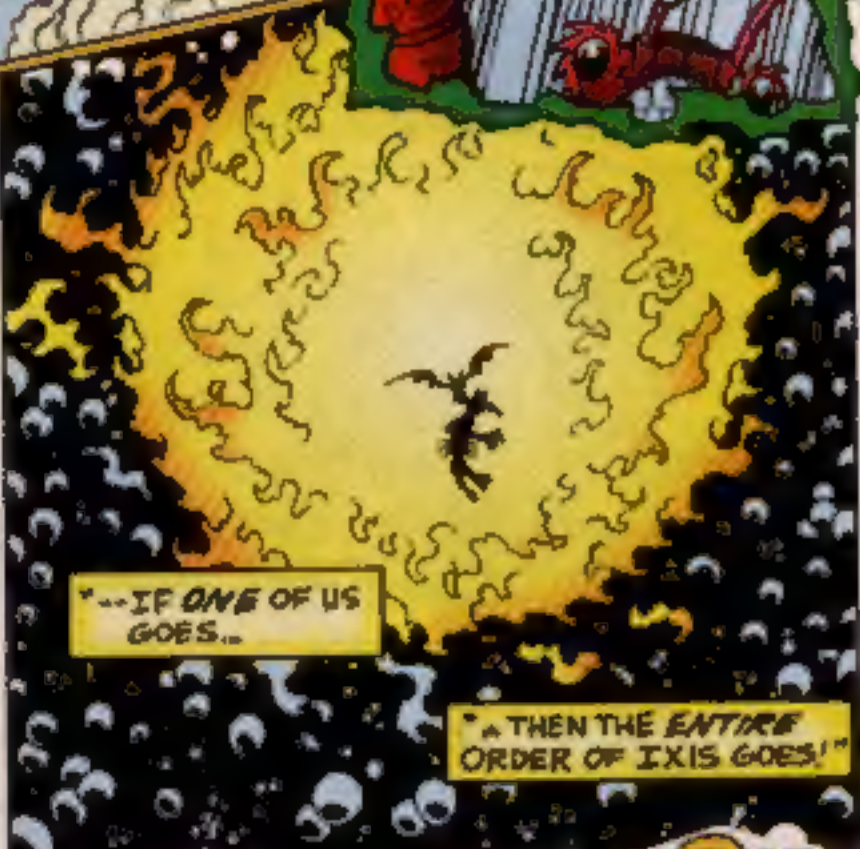
SURELY IT IS
TIME TO FOLLOW
AGUNUS' LEAD!

WHY, OF ALL THE
UNFAIR--!

UNHAND ME,
AGUNUS!

RELEASE ME,
SUGUNA!

NEVER--



"--IF ONE OF US
GOES...

"...THEN THE ENTIRE
ORDER OF IXIS GOES!"



ELSEWHERE
ON MOBIUS...

LOOK, FATHER--
A FALLING
STAR!

MAKE A
WISH,
MAXIMILLIAN!



AND THE FOLLOWING
MORNING...

CRASH

WHAT IS THAT COMMOTION
OUTSIDE OF OUR ROYAL
DINING HALL, FREDERICK?

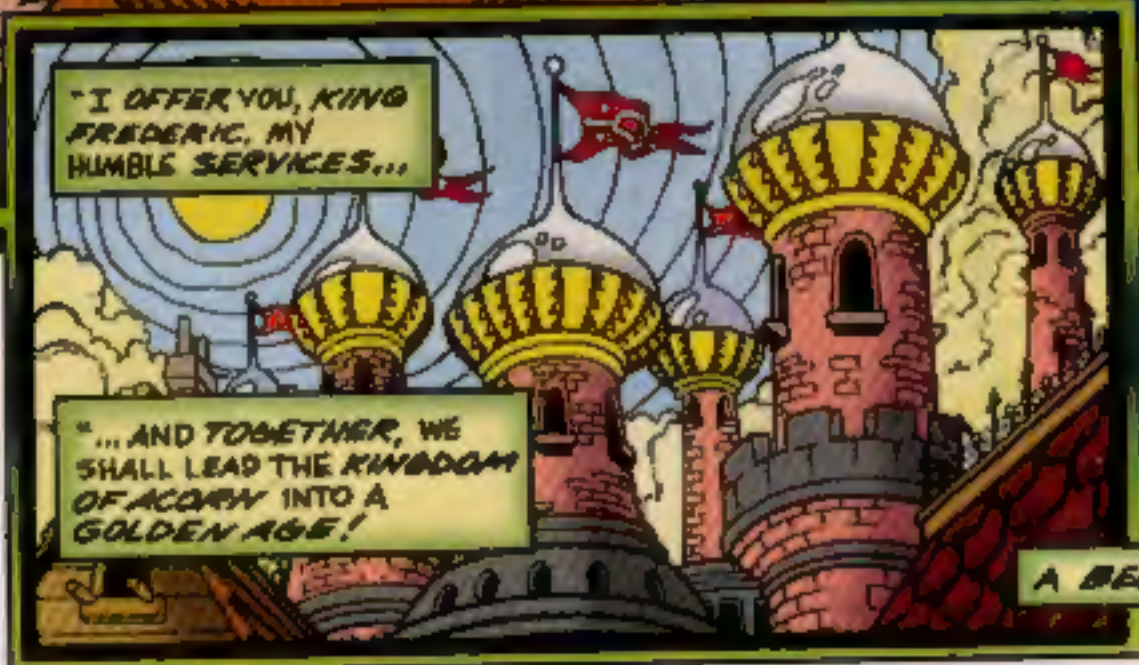
I KNOW NOT,
MY QUEEN!



SUDDENLY, THE OAK DOORS
FLY OPEN TO REVEAL A
BIZARRE FIGURE.

PLEASE ALLOW ME
TO INTRODUCE MYSELF...
I AM...

...IXIS NAUGUS-- A
WIZARD OF GREAT POWER
AND ABILITY!



"I OFFER YOU, KING
FREDERIC, MY
HUMBLE SERVICES..."

"... AND TOGETHER, WE
SHALL LEAD THE KINGDOM
OF ACORN INTO A
GOLDEN AGE!"

A BEGINNING...?

THIS JUST IN!

THE RING CRUSADE!

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Editor

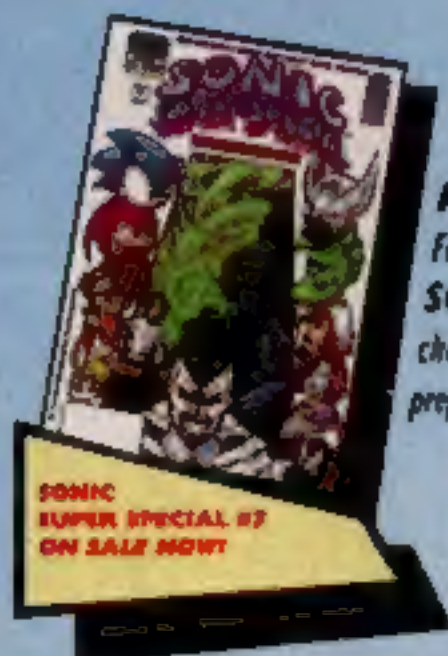


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